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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS IN KOREA

REF: STATE 163960

1. SAM BROWN IS CORRECT IN SUMMING UP MY POSITION ON THE PEACE CORPS IN KOREA. I HAVE TOLD PEACE CORPS THAT, WHILE I AM OPEN TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION, MY CURRENT VIEW IS THAT IT SHOULD PLAN TO PHASE OUT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN.

2. IN RECOMMENDING PHASE OUT OF THE PEACE CORPS, I HAVE NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENTS FOR THE JOB THEY ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMING IN KOREA. THE CURRENT PEACE CORPS PROGRAM, WHICH I HAVE HAD FULL OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT UPON, IS WELL BALANCED, APPROPRIATE, AND SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE TO KOREAN REQUESTS. MY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PHASE OUT STEMS FROM OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, HOWEVER: FIRST, BY THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN KOREA WILL BE A FULLY DEVELOPED MIDDLE ECONOMY WITH A PER CAPITA INCOME OF ABOUT \$2000 AND ECONOMICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR OECD MEMBERSHIP; SECOND, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, KOREA WILL WELL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE OR PAY FOR  
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ITS OWN RESOURCES THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE PEACE CORPS; AND FINALLY, USG RESOURCES SUCH AS PROVIDED BY PEACE CORPS SHOULD, IN MY JUDGMENT, BE PROVIDED TO COUNTRIES FAR MORE NEEDING US ASSISTANCE THAN KOREA.

3. IN SUM, I FEEL QUITE STRONGLY THAT MEAGRE US RESOURCES

SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDEST LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
EXCEPT UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THE PRESENCE  
OF US PERSONNEL SHOULD BE REDUCED TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM  
NECESSARY. WITH RESPECT TO KOREA, BY THE COMPLETION OF THE  
CURRENT FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN, I WOULD ENVISAGE A COMPLETE  
PHASE OUT OF ALL AID PROGRAMS AS WELL AS THE PEACE CORPS AND  
RESIDUAL SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. TO CONSIST ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY  
OF GUARANTEED CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS PROVIDED BY EXPORT-  
IMPORT BANK AND POSSIBLY FROM CONTINUING CREDIT GUARANTEES  
FOR MILITARY SALES. ALL OF THIS DOES NOT DISCOUNT  
THE VALUABLE JOB THE PEACE CORPS HAS DONE AND CONTINUES  
TO PERFORM IN KOREA, BUT REPRESENTS MY SENSE OF PRIORITIES  
AND ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATE TO WHAT WILL ESSENTIALLY BE A  
DEVELOPED ECONOMY.

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